## House Resolution No. 2365

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives wholeheartedly believe that a successful marriage forms a firm foundation for a lifetime of happiness and security and wish to salute an outstanding Missouri couple whose union confirms that philosophy; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. William Carden, treasured residents of Grant City, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary on April 21, 2003; and

Whereas, joined in marriage before the eyes of the Lord on April 21, 1943, William and Velda Carden began their lives together as husband and wife after a memorable wedding ceremony officiated by Brother Charles Carrico in the Christian Church parsonage; and

Whereas, attendants for the happy couple were Harry and Nellie Jennings, both of whom watched with glee and excitement as William and Velda pledged their eternal love for one another; and

Whereas, since that special day, William and Velda Carden have witnessed with pleasure the growth of their mutual trust and understanding, qualities which continue to endear them to one another with each passing year; and

Whereas, the Cardens attribute their sixty years of wedded success and happiness to their strong sense of faith and family, the foundation upon which they have planted the seeds of their love and respect for each other in the generations to follow which include their four children, Reggie, David, Velva, and Joseph; and their many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, all of whom are planning a very special Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary celebration for William and Velda; and

**Whereas**, with the words of the Lord to guide their way, William and Velda Carden have remained devoted life partners and have put forth a tremendous amount of effort to ensure the sanctity of the vows they took so very long ago:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in a thunderous round of applause for William and Velda Carden upon the glorious celebration of their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary, and in wishing them tremendous peace, prosperity, and contentment as they continue their journey together along life's path; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. William Carden, as a measure of our esteem for them.

Representative Brad Lager
District No. 4
I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of
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Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First
Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and
correct copy of House Resolution No. 2365, adopted
April 30, 2003.
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